DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, We hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names. We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR SPLICING A CONVEYOR BELT the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto. was filed on ___ as Application Serial No. _____ (if applicable). and was amended on We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: (Filing Date) (Application Serial No.) We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or §365 of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: (Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status)(patented, pending, abandoned) **POWER OF ATTORNEY** As named inventors, We hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Registration No. 22,329 Henry C Young Registration No. 44,648 John D. DeLong Registration No. 30,262 Bruce J Hendricks Registration No. 30,417 Alvin T Rockhill Registration No. 24,432 James A Rozmaizl We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. Full name of joint and first named inventor (given name, family name): Terry Frank Allen Inventor's signature: Level 7 Ables Date: 68-2/ Residence: Barberton, Ohio 44203, U.S.A. Citizen of: United States of America Post Office Address: 1295 Swigart Road, Barberton, Ohio 44203, U.S.A. Full name of joint and second named inventor (given name, family name): Kevin Xie Inventor's signature: Kevin Xie Date: Residence: Marysville, Ohio 43040, U.S.A. Citizen of: United States of America Post Office Address: 537 Fawnbrook Drive, Marysville, Ohio 43040, U.S.A. Additional inventors are being named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company John D. DeLong, Patent Attorney Patent & Trademark Department - D/823 1144 East Market Street (330) 796-8757 Akron, Ohio 44316-0001 Page __1 ___ OF __1 ___ page(s)